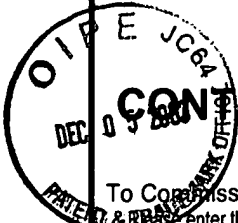


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

To Commissioner For Patents

Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

Application Number	09/854,403
Filing Date	May 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Godefridus A. Hurkx et al
Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	J. Maldonado
Attorney Docket Number	PHN 16,741A

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☐ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified Request for Continued Examination
application under 37 CFR 1.114 as follows:

